

## Fairfield SEPTA General Meeting

Agenda & Minutes  
February 23, 2022

Welcome – General Meeting Budget update – Currently \$13,623

Grants – \$4000 allocated across 12+ schools

Fundraising/Programs

Fairfield County Giving Day February 24 (24 hours of giving!)

[fcgives.org](https://fcgives.org) search Fairfield SEPTA **Starts at midnight**

Membership **over 200 members so far this year.**

Ideas and topics for discussion

Police Committee: Fairfield PD Behavioral Health Network **looking for a volunteer to join this group to collaborate with them.**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan **complete the survey if you have not filled out yet. Link still open. Individuals and SEPTA parents should contribute ideas on adaptive programming in the town, playgrounds etc. LINK:**  
<https://www.fairfieldparksandrecplan.com/>

SHU Theater: Reached out to discuss sensory viewings with Matt Oestreicher. **Erik Hayden volunteered to follow up**

SEPTA Resource Fair **hope to organize for early May**

Special Ed Dept Report – Rob Mancusi

**Middle School Block Schedule** meeting tomorrow night (24Feb). Schedule will include 7 periods, 65-minute blocks. All SPED services and modifications will be met and provided for students with disabilities and IEPs. Been working on service delivery with CLC teachers and high school teachers who currently teach in longer blocks.

**Staffing update:** Shortage and difficulty with hiring particularly in speech and paras.

**Budget Process:** Board of selectmen is next to look at the budget, voting Monday Feb 28. SPED makes up a large part of the budget increase this year

(2.26% of the 5.42% increase). We struggled with remote learning throughout pandemic. Costs of providing services and needs have gone up, leading to a significant increase in our budget. Be engaged and advocate as budget moves throughout the town bodies.

**Social Emotional Needs Assessment.** Meeting next week. Universal screening ongoing info will continue to be shared.

**State rolling out a new IEP system.** Massive undertaking for a targeted roll out date of July 1. Requesting a delay.

### Any other business

Board Appeal: We are a small board and are looking for engagement from our community to help support one another and reach more people. We are looking for people who are willing to join us. SEPTA Reps are a very important part of our organization to help spread our message. We need to include teachers to make it successful.

Trisha Pytko volunteered to coordinate the “diversity day” program and try to get it up and running throughout the district, to a diversity program that is not just a day or a week and to make it more unified.

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